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(Left to right): In a simulated truck wreck Senior Airmen Bryan Johnson and Keith Beckerich from the 445th Aero-medical Evacuation Squadron help place a Kendrick Extrication Device used to stabilize a victim's spine, on Staff Sgt. Elizabeth Robinson from the 910th Medical Squadron while Tech. Sgt. Frank Oliver also from the 445th AES assists. (U.S. Air Force Photo/Maj. Ted Theopolos.)

EMT School House surpasses 2,000th student

by Maj. Ted Theopolos
445th Public Affairs

Airman First Class Matthew Rakowitz from the 88th Medical Operation Squadron was handed a coin as he entered the 445th Aeromedical Staging Squadron's Emergency Medical Technician classroom the morning of Feb 5.

The Airman was the 13th student of 29 that entered the classroom.

Not knowing what it was for, Airman Rakowitz found out later he was the 2,000th student to

walk through the training classroom door. The coin was given to him by Senior Master Sgt. Danny Smith, from the 445th ASTS an instructor and EMT School House Coordinator.

This was not the first time Sergeant Smith has done this. He did the same thing just three years ago for Jeff Kitzmiller from the 88th Air Base Wing Fire Department. He was the 1,000th person to walk through the classroom door.

The EMT school opened its doors in August 1998 and Sergeant Smith has been there since the beginning. It took six years for the

1,000th student to walk through the classroom doors. It only took three years to train another 1,000 students.

"One of the reasons for more students is because of overseas deployments," said Sergeant Smith. "Several first responders now have to be EMT qualified."

Besides the obvious medical personnel having to be trained, others do as well which include firefighters, security forces and exploding ordinance detonation personnel (EOD).

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Small (but maybe good) ideas

By Col. Jim Blackman
445th OG Commander

I have the honor of writing my last Buckeye Flyer editorial as I end my 37-year career in the United States Air Force – with the privilege of serving the last 26 years in the Air Force Reserve. Trust me, 37 years fly by! I can't begin to list every significant event of that period, cadet to colonel. Wars, hurricanes, uniform changes, contingencies, earthquakes, ORIs, and the list goes on.



Colonel Blackman

I have been asked a lot recently if the Reserve has changed much during my career. Well, yes and no. One thing that has not changed is that the Air Force Reserve is made up of a lot of outstanding individuals who love their nation and have a sense of service. Any changes? You bet – you do things every day, without a second thought, that 25 years ago we would have deemed impossible for reservists to accomplish.

Your capabilities and value to the country have gone from good to being outstanding and vital. You are better today than you have ever been. I take great pride in the very small part I may have played in making this a reality.

I have also been asked by several persons to pass on some words of advice concerning lessons that I may have picked up along the way (does everyone have a paper due this month?). After very little thought, I would like to present three small things I am proud of in my career and why I think they are important. They are: 1) I have never had a reserved parking spot; 2) I have never referred to any unit that I have been tasked to command as

"my squadron" or "my group"; and 3) I have never passed through the doors of the Pentagon.

Why do these hold any significance to me? As to the first item about reserved parking spots, I think that this small practice highlights my personal view of what a leader needs to do in order to justify his or her position of authority and to better realize his or her personal responsibilities. I guess I agree with the idea that "If you are so important, then you should be the first one to arrive in the morning – so you won't have any problem getting a parking spot".

My second point of pride may seem like an insignificant manner of expression in avoiding use of the word "my". I always tried to use the terms "our squadron" and "our group". This small quirk helped to remind me that I did not "own" the unit and that the unit's people are not possessions – they are the unit – and they will be there after I leave.

My final point of pride is not intended to slight those persons who serve in the necessary roles of command, policy formation, and management. Rather, I am proud of my association with what I believe is the true bedrock strength of the Air Force Reserve – experienced professionals working in cohesive line units.

We are able to accomplish so many difficult tasks, with so few resources, because of the great experience (both military and civilian) we have gathered through stability in our jobs. We also know each other well in our units. We trust each other's skill and dedication and together we are able to do amazing things.

As we face the necessary changes as to how we do business and operate in an expeditionary world, don't ever let your unit's cohesion wane. Keep the unit as a solid team and have fun doing so. Also, don't let anyone infer to you that your grade, or title, or level of assignment is an indicator of your value or success – doing your current job better every day is a more substantial measure of your worth.

In closing, let me express that I am so proud to have been an Air Force Reservist and a member of the 445th Airlift Wing. What we have done and what you need to do in the future is important and has a noble purpose. While I will no longer be serving with you, I will never stop thinking of you and taking vicarious pride in all you do. Thanks for everything – and take care of each other.

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Tech. Sgt. Jennier Leveck (right) holds the head still of a mannequin while Staff Sgt. Frank Oliver uses an Ambu Bag to establish oxygen flow. Both are from the 445th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron.

EMT Schoolhouse

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The school is even open to the DoD first responders.

"We teach National Park Service Rangers and this past year taught 2 SWAT team members from the Dayton Police Department, and more are scheduled to attend later this year," said Sergeant Smith.

"We teach two types of classes here," said Sergeant Smith. "Initial EMT class is three weeks

and the refresher class is five days. We hold three initial EMT classes and about 14 to 16 refresher classes each year."

Those who take the initial class and want to be EMT certified have to take the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technician exam and pass with a score of 70 or higher. The national average pass rate for first time test takers is estimated at 62 percent.

The sergeant, a former instructor at the University of Cincinnati, is a computer science guru who loves statistics and keeps them on every EMT class. The school house holds some fairly spectacularly passing rates.

"The last three initial EMT classes from May and September 2006 and January 2007, all the students passed - 100%," said Sergeant Smith with a big smile on his face stating that fact.

Sergeant Smith doesn't have to look far for qualified instructors. "We not only get instructors from my unit but from the 445th Aeromedical Evacuation and Aerospace Medical Squadrons. We also routinely get instructors from the 911th Airlift Wing from Pittsburgh, Pa."

The class roster had nine base active duty members and 20 Air Forces reservists. Reservists

were from the 910th Airlift Wing, 911th Airlift Wing and 927th Air Refueling Wing. Students spend about one quarter of their time in the classroom and the other time in the EMT lab completing medical scenarios set-up by the instructors. The most common scenarios are mannequins as patients with heart attacks, vehicle accidents and natural disasters.



Staff Sgt. Keith Beckerich administers an IV to a life like mannequin arm. The Sergeant is assigned to the 445th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron. (U.S. Air Force photos/Maj. Ted Theopolos)

Glory to God in All Things, Even in Football

By Chaplain (Capt.) Jonathan Kollmann/445th Chaplain Office

Football is over and I am in mourning. However, this season went out with a crescendo of rightful thanksgiving! I truly enjoy those glimpses of greatness especially after a championship is secured. After Super Bowl XLI, I saw a glimpse of true greatness. I literally clapped when Coach Tony Dungy, brought the season to an end on a very rain drenched night with his fists clinched, pointing to the sky, after his Indianapolis Colts captured Super Bowl XLI, 29-17, over the Chicago Bears. And I am not a Colts fan! Yet, what I liked about the scene was Dungy again used his nationally televised platform to give credit where credit is due. He gave glory to God during the post-game awards ceremony.

CBS announcer Jim Nantz asked Dungy to comment on the significance of being the first African American head coach to lead a team to a Super Bowl victory. "I'm proud to be representing African American coaches," Dungy said. "... It means an awful lot to our country." But Dungy continued: "More than anything - and I've said it before - [Chicago coach] Lovie Smith and I [are] not only the first two African Americans, but Christian coaches, showing that you can win doing it the Lord's way," Dungy told Nantz while holding the Vince Lombardi Trophy given to each year's NFL champion.

Why would Tony (who lost his son, James Dungy, in 2005 to suicide) spontaneously do this? He knows credit has to be given to the One who gave him the mind, passion, strength and ability. I also believe Tony (and Lovie) demonstrated what God can do with individuals who put their trust in Him and follow His ways. Have you put God first, trusting in His ways for your life? Is the Lord your strength in difficult circumstances?

Desert Deployments



KIRKUK REGIONAL AIR BASE, Iraq - Air Force reservists Lt. Col. Tom Kuepper (right), deployed from the 445th Civil Engineer Squadron, receives the 506th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron guidon from Col. Gregory Schwab (left) 506th Air Expeditionary group commander at Kirkuk RAB, Iraq Jan. 14. Senior Master Sgt. Lisa Rodriguez (center) is deployed from the 445th Airlift Wing as their first sergeant. (U.S. Air Force photo/SrA Bradley Lail)



MANAS AIR BASE, Kyrgyzstan -- Senior Airman Michelle Henry reads a letter from a school in Valrico, Fla., addressed to any Airman. The Airman is deployed from the 87th Aerial Port Squadron. (U.S. Air Force courtesy photo)



KIRKUK REGIONAL AIR BASE, Iraq - Chaplain (Maj.) William Dickens, Jr., deployed from 445th Airlift Wing, stands for a photo in full gear. (U.S. Air Force courtesy photo)



MANAS AIR BASE, Kyrgyzstan -- Senior Airman Adam Wyse updates the dispatch board for the messenger service. Airman Wyse is deployed from the 87th Aerial Port Squadron. (U.S. Air Force courtesy photo)





ALI BASE, Iraq -- Senior Airman Jerrod Campbell is on the phone at the "Hot Spot" the recreation center at the base. (U.S. Air Force courtesy photo)



KIRKUK REGIONAL AIR BASE, Iraq - Left to right, Tech. Sgt. Clay Bucy, Master Sgt. Will Jobson and Tech. Sgt. John LeMaster, deployed from the 445th Civil Engineer Squadron, level concrete footings for a pod, which will house base Airmen. (U.S. Air Force courtesy photo)



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ALI BASE, Iraq -- Senior Airman Seth Webber (left) is at the "Muscle Beach" fitness center tracking an Airman on a treadmill. (U.S. Air Force courtesy photo)

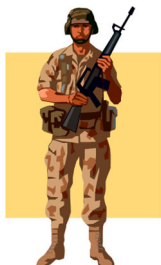


BAGRAM AIR BASE, Afghanistan - Master Sgt. Darrell Crum (left), deployed from 445th Security Force Squadron, was selected for the Senior NCO of the month there. Col. Terri Chaney, 455th EMSG Commander, is giving him the award. (Air Force photo/ Staff Sgt. Kevin Tomko 455 AEW/PA)



DOD announces changes to Reserve component policy

Department of Defense officials are changing the way they will manage reserve-component forces, announced Dr. Robert M. Gates, secretary of defense Jan. 11.



The first aspect of the policy change will involve the way the department manages deployments of reserve forces. Currently, reserve deployments are managed on an individual basis. In the future deployments will be managed on a unit basis, allowing for greater unit cohesion and predictability for training and deployments.

The second aspect of the change addresses the maximum mobilization time for members of the reserve forces. Currently, the policy is for a maximum mobilization time of 18 months. The department will reduce the maximum mobilization timeframe to one year.

Third, the policy objective for involuntary mobilization of Guard and Reserve units will remain a one-year-mobilized to five-year-demobilized ratio. However, today's global demands will require a number of selected Guard and Reserve units to be remobilized sooner than the current policy goal. That deployment-to-demobilization ratio remains the goal of the department, as does the active component's ratio goal of one year of deployment to two years at home station.

The fourth aspect of the policy change will establish a new program to compensate individuals in both active and

reserve-component forces who are required to mobilize or deploy earlier than established policy goals of deployment ratios. It will also involve servicemembers who are required to extend beyond established rotation-policy goals.

The final aspect of the policy change will direct commands to review their administration of the hardship-waiver program, to ensure that they have properly taken into account exceptional circumstances facing military families of deployed servicemembers. (AFNEWS)

Air Force Reserve double enlisted promotion cycle



Enlisted Air Force reservists now have a better opportunity to move up in rank.

Lt. Gen. John A. Bradley, commander of Air Force Reserve Command, approved changing the promotion cycle from every other month to monthly. The change took effect Jan. 1.

The change was made to align the enlisted promotion process with the Air Force's Future Total Force concept and facilitate implementation of the Personnel Services Delivery and Defense Integrated Military Human Resources System.

General Bradley also approved a change that will allow retraining senior airmen and below to be promoted before completing their retraining and being awarded a three level in their retraining Air Force specialty code.

Air Force Instruction 36-2502, Airman Promotion Program, has more information about enlisted promotions. (AFRCNEWS)



New Features available on MyPay

Defense Finance and Accounting Service officials announced several improvements have been made to myPay providing customers continued ease for on-line transactions.

A new feature has been added for military service members on the Savings Deposit Program that allows service members serving in designated combat zones an opportunity to deposit a specific amount of money in a high interest rate account.

"Previously, only deposits could be made," said Pat Shine. "Service members can now request withdrawals from the account through myPay and we've added a link to the withdrawal form from the SDP statement."

Another improvement provides military service members access to a printer-friendly option. While all myPay customers can print their own LES' and W2s from the web whenever and wherever, the printer-friendly option allows for higher quality print copies of all documents.

Shine explained that myPay wants to keep customers up-to-date on new information and notifications related to their pay.

"We need current email addresses to send pertinent information to our customers. A new myPay feature asks customers to enter their current email address. Once on file, the system annually certifies the address to make sure it's current." (AFNEWS)



Newcomers

Welcome to the following reservists, recently assigned to the 445th AW:

SSgt James Hastings, 445 CF
 SSgt Darion Murphy, 445 CES
 SSgt Jesse Smith, 445 SFS
 SrA Ross Askins, 445 LRS
 SrA Rebecca Dorsch, 445 AMDS
 SrA Amanda Duncan, 445 MOF
 SrA David Mahone, 445 CES
 SrA Michael Pedraza, 445 CES
 SrA Precious Sims, 445 AMDS
 SrA Zacharias Thorpe, 445 CES
 A1C James Coffey, 445 SFS
 A1C Joey Frisco, 445 SVF
 A1C Michael Neri, 445 MOF
 A1C Ronald Sydnor, 445 MXS
 A1C Clerence Washington, 445 MXS

Awards

Congratulations to the following 445th AW members who recently earned an award.

Meritorious Service Medal

Lt Col Stephen Bastian, 89 AS
 MSgt Beth Thompson, 445 MOF

Air Force Commendation Medal

Capt Jason Shaffer, 89 AS

Promotions

Congratulations to the following reservists recently promoted to the rank indicated.

Airman

Erin Black, 445 ASTS
 Eddie Sanchez, 445 AMDS



Airman First Class

Tameka Delcastillo, 445 AMDS
 Christopher Judd, 89 AS
 Eddie Mulkey, 445 AES
 Dana Timmons, 445 AMDS



Senior Airman

Erin Conner, 445 LRS
 Katie Dunlin, 445 MXS
 Gary Elliot, Jr., 445 AMXS
 Timothy Flanery, 445 AW
 Nicholas Klepper, 445 MOF
 Daniel Lander, 445 AMDS



Staff Sergeant

Spencer Fisher, 445 AMXS
 Stephanie Fullenkamp, 445 MOF
 Justin Howard, 445 AMDS
 Marion King, 445 SVF
 Kerrie Yeager, 445 LRS



Technical Sergeant

Samuel Tanner, 445 MXS
 Amy Saenkert, 445 MOF



Master Sergeant

Timothy Davis, 445 AMXS



Senior Master Sergeant

Homer Carter, Jr., 445 MSF
 James Grounds, 445 AMXS
 Terry Netts, 445 AMXS



Captain

Jenice Brown, 445 ASTS
 Jonathan Kollman, 445 AW
 Pete McElvain, 89 AS
 Melissa Oakley, 445 MSF
 Ladonna Schreffler, 445 AES
 Joshua Springman, 89 AS
 William Sterling, 89 AS

The IG Says...

Air Force military and civilian members have a duty to promptly report Fraud Waste and Abuse (FWA) or Gross Mismanagement. Below are the definitions in which to identify these problem areas.

Fraud — Any intentional deception designed to unlawfully deprive the Air Force of something of value or for an individual to secure from the Air Force a benefit, privilege, allowance, or consideration to which he or she is not entitled.

Waste — The extravagant, careless, or needless expenditure of Air Force funds, or the consumption of Air Force property resulting from deficient practices, systems controls, or decisions. The term also includes improper practices not involving prosecutable fraud.

Abuse — Intentional, wrongful, or improper use of Air Force resources. Examples include misuse of rank, position, or authority that causes the loss, or misuse, of resources.

Gross Mismanagement — A management action or inaction that creates a substantial risk of significant adverse impact on the organization's ability to accomplish its mission. It is more than mere, trivial wrongdoing or negligence. It does not include management decisions that are merely debatable, nor does it mean action or inaction that constitutes simple negligence or wrongdoing. There must be an element of blatancy.

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 AFRC FWA Hotline: (800) 223-1784

Join the Honor Guard

You too can become a member of the 445th Airlift Wing Honor Guard if you can make the cut. Getting started is easy.

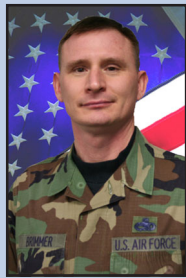
Eligibility - Any Airman or NCO assigned to the wing or associate units may apply. Application - Contact Master Sgt. Mark C. Lyle, 904-2735 for an application.

Interview - An interview will then be conducted. After the interview, a decision will be

made and you will be notified.

Commitment - If selected, you will be required to sign a two-year commitment. Training - You will begin training with the Honor Guard at regularly scheduled trainings.

Equipment Issue - Once a minimum level of proficiency has been met, you will be issued a complete Honor Guard uniform as well as any necessary equipment so that you can begin participating in Honor Guard ceremonies.



4th Air Force names 445th member First Sgt. of the Year

Fourth Air Force awarded Senior Master Sgt. Michael Brimmer, 445th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, as the First Sergeant of the Year.

Sgt. Brimmer oversees 220 enlisted personnel in the 445th AMS. He stood-up the squadron Unit Advisory Council and drafted its charter. Sgt. Brimmer revitalized the unit administration and computer section to be more customer oriented which greatly enhanced the mission accomplishments.

He was deployed to Balad AB, Iraq, as First Sergeant for the 170 personnel assigned to the 332nd ESFS. He directed five patriot details to honor fallen service members while there.

The sergeant was the wing coordinator for the annual Thanksgiving baskets and the Adopt a Family program. He is also a training officer and boot camp drill instructor for Miami Valley Young Marines and is involved in their anti-drug program.

Congratulations!

Employer's Day set

May 19 is the date for Employer's Day. Nomination form will be in next issue of the Buckeye Flyer or you can get the form from the intranet under public affairs or stop by the office for a copy of the form. Public Affairs is located in building 4010 room 141.



Two new squadrons at the Alamo Wing

While the C-5 Formal Training Unit at Lackland AFB's Kelly Field held a ceremony to welcome two new squadrons into the 433rd Airlift Wing, the first of the C-5 full motion flight simulators was in the beginning stages of installation. (U.S. Air Force Photo/Master Sgt. Collen McGee)

Former flying squadron stands-up in Texas

LACKLAND AFB, Texas — Air Force Reserve Command's 433rd Airlift Wing added two new squadrons in a ceremony here February 6. The 356th Airlift Squadron and the 733rd Training Squadron expand the capabilities of the C-5 Formal Training Unit at Kelly Field.

Previously assigned to Wright Patterson AFB, Ohio, the 356th AS was responsible for training aircrew members on the C-141 weapon system. The 733rd TRS is a new designation activated at Kelly Field to provide administrative oversight to the students at the C-5 FTU.

Both units gain traditions from the former C-5 FTU at Altus AFB, Okla., where C-5 aircrew training began in the 1960s. The process bringing the new squadrons to the Alamo Wing was a long one. Initially the concept was briefed to Congress in 2002, according to Lt. Col. John Martino, 733rd TRS commander.

"It (bringing the new squadrons and the C-5 FTU to Kelly Field) was challenging and fun," said Col. Fred McMahon, 356th AS commander. Colonel McMahon's squadron is responsible for the formal flying training courses and the instructors.

"The initial cadre is an awesome group of people," said Colonel McMahon. He explained the instructors and evaluators come from all across the Air Force.

"Altus built a proud tradition," said Colonel Martino. "Here we are, the Reserve, with help from the active-duty (to take on the C-5 aircrew training mission). Quite a team."

Colonel Martino spent time working the Air Force Integration office and knows first-hand the mission will require more than just one unit doing a great job to be successful.

"There were a lot of relationships built along the way," said Colonel Martino. He listed cooperative efforts from Air Mobility Command, Air Force Reserve Command and the 37th Training Wing, the host unit at Lackland.

The C-5 FTU is the first unit of its kind to be owned and operated by AFRC. Though there are other flight training units in the command, the facility at Kelly Field is the first to combine active-duty and Reserve instructors and evaluators to train aircrews in the Air National Guard, AF Reserve and active-duty.

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